Purchase of articles for the Romperu Projects.

* 707 Q.—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of articles and tools and implements purchased for Romperu Projects in 1952–53; and

(b) of those how many were used for Romperu and how many were lent to other works?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Two Fowler Marshall Challenger Tractors, and tram track and accessories were obtained during 1952–53.

" (b) The tractors and 1½ miles of tram track were used for Romperu works. Five miles of tram track with tipping Waggons were used for the Krishna Anicut repairs."

Tiruvazhamkunnu Cattle Farm, South Malabar.

* 708 Q.—SRI KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned the construction of an approach road to the Malabar District Cattle Farm at Tiruvazhamkunnu and, if so, when; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the sanctioned number of cattle to the said farm have not been kept in the farm due to want of permanent cattle-sheds there?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) Yes, Sir. The plans and estimates for the construction of an approach road to the Government Livestock Farm at Tiruvazhamkunnu, Malabar district, were approved in October 1952.

" (b) No, Sir. The total number of animals at present stocked is almost the same as the strength originally approved for the Farm."

Dress allowance to vaccinators.

* 709 Q.—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are paying any dress allowance to vaccinators and, if so, how much money was spent last year on this account?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No dress allowance is paid to Government vaccinators. The Government have permitted local bodies to supply uniform to their vaccinators (now designated as Health Assistants) or pay an allowance of Rs. 50 per annum in lieu thereof. No grant is sanctioned to local bodies towards the expenditure incurred on this behalf."